

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An article comprising a transparent coating, withwherein the coating has a thickness of at least 30 μm , a relative elastic resilience to DIN 55676 of at least 70%, and a scratch resistance corresponding to a score of not more than 2 in the steel wool scratch test according to DIN 1041 after 10 double strokes.
2. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in~~of claim 1, havingwherein the coating has an elastic resilience of at least 74%.
3. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in~~of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, havingwherein the coating has an elastic resilience of at least 78%.
4. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in any of~~ claims 1 ~~to 3~~, havingwherein the coating has a thickness of at least 40 μm .
5. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in any of~~ claims 1 ~~to 4~~, havingwherein the coating has a transmission > 90% for light with a wavelength of between 400 and 700 nm.
6. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in any of~~ claims 1 ~~to 5~~, havingwherein the coating has an adhesion in accordance with DIN ISO 2409 to degreased float glass and degreased stainless steel 1.4301 of GT/TT 0/0.
7. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in any of~~ claims 1 ~~to 6~~, havingwherein the coating has on a pigmented basecoats an adhesion according to DIN ISO 2409 of GT/TT 0/0.
8. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in any of~~ claims 1 ~~to 7~~, ~~which is~~ thermosettingwherein the coating is a thermosetting coating.
9. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in~~of claim 8, ~~which is~~ preparablewherein the coating is prepared from a curable coating material.

10. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in~~ claim 9, wherein the coating material is thermally curable.
11. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in~~ claim 9 ~~or 10~~, wherein the curable coating material ~~is composed of~~ comprises organic and inorganic constituents.
12. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in~~ claim 11, wherein the curable coating material has an ignition residue of at least 10% by weight.
13. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in any of claims 1 to 12, comprising or consisting of~~ wherein the coating is prepared from a coating material comprising an aqueous dispersion with a pH of from 2 to 7 comprising
- (A) at least one swellable polymer and/or oligomer containing at least one functional group that is at least one of an anionic functional group, and/or a potentially anionic functional group, and/or a nonionic hydrophilic functional groups,
 - (B) surface-modified, cationically stabilized inorganic nanoparticles of at least one kind, and
 - (C) at least one amphiphile.
14. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in~~ claim 13, wherein the aqueous dispersion, based on its total amount, has a solids content of up to 60% by weight.
15. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in~~ claim 13 ~~or 14~~, wherein the aqueous dispersion, based on the sum (A) + (B) + (C), contains
- from 1 to 30% by weight of (A),
 - from 60 to 98% by weight of (B), and
 - from 1 to 10% by weight of (C).
16. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in any of claims 13 to 15, wherein the at least one polymers and/or oligomers (A) are selected from the group consisting of polymers and oligomers which~~ contains anionic and/or potentially anionic functional

groups and ~~which~~has, at a pH of from 2 to 7, ~~have~~ an electrophoretic mobility ≤ -0.5 ($\mu\text{m/s}/(\text{V/cm})$).

17. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in any of~~ claims 13 ~~to 16~~, wherein the inorganic nanoparticles (B) are selected from the group consisting of main group metals, transition group metals, and their compounds.
18. (Currently Amended) The coating ~~as claimed in any of~~ claims 13 ~~to 17~~, wherein the at least one amphiphiles (C) are selected from the group consisting of monoalcohols and aliphatic polyols.
19. (Currently Amended) A process for producing ~~at the~~ coating ~~as claimed in any of~~ claims 1 ~~to 18~~ by comprising applying a coating material to a substrate or to an uncured, part-cured, or cured film present thereon, ~~which comprises~~ and curing the coating material,
 - (1) ~~selecting a~~ wherein the coating material, which following its solidification or curing, has an elastic resilience to DIN 55676 of at least 70% and a scratch resistance corresponding to a score of not more than 2 in ~~the~~ a steel wool scratching test according to DIN 1041 after 10 double strokes, ~~and~~
 - (2) ~~applying the coating material (1) in one step.~~
20. (Currently Amended) The process ~~as claimed in of~~ claim 19, wherein the coating material is applied by spraying.
21. (Currently Amended) The ~~use of a~~ coating ~~as claimed in any of~~ claims 1 ~~to 18~~ ~~or of a~~ coating ~~produced by the process as claimed in claim 19 or 20 for protecting~~, wherein the coating is on a surfaces of a substrates, and the coating protects the substrate against damage by mechanical exposure and/or provides for their decoration of the substrate.
22. (Currently Amended) The ~~use as claimed in~~ coating of claim 21, wherein the substrates ~~are~~ is one of a motor vehicles, ~~or a motor vehicle parts thereof~~, a buildings,

furniture, a windows, ~~anda~~ doors, ~~small~~an industrial parts, a coils, a containers, a packaging, an electrical components, a white goods, a films, or hollow glassware.